

Gavura, Albert

**Northampton Airman
Veteran Of Pacific,
European Fronts**

Albert Gavura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gavura of 47 West 1st Street, Northampton, a member of the Army Air Forces and now a candidate at the AAF School at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Tex., is a veteran of the South Pacific and European theatres of war and has seen much action since entering the AAF in 1941.

Gavura was on his way to the Philippines on a B-17 at the very outbreak of the war, landing in Australia after the course was changed, to help assemble the P-40's and A-24's used in the Battle of Macassar Straits.

Later he started for Java, but was again detoured and ended up in India where he saw action for five months in India and Burma, before moving to the Middle East and Africa. He also participated in the smashing raids on Tobruk, Crete, Benghazi and other Nazi and Italian-held points, and was awarded the Silver Star for bombing and strafing enemy ships in Tobruk Harbor.

In addition to the Silver Star, Gavura wears the Air Medal and three Presidential citations for his bravery in battle.

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